# FOR MYSORE STATE

PUBLIC WORKS **(1954) Department**

Ms. SERIES.

**G.O. No.** 3672

**Dated** 20th October 1954.

Closed
Dm
Gangolli

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ferries - South Kanara District - Gangolli ferry in Coondapur Taluk - Levy of ferry fees on directly imported or exported goods, leasing out of ferry rights in future etc. - Orders passed.

KUNDAPUR TALUK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION (Regd.) GANGULI, SOUTH KANARA

ADDRESS PRESENTED
to
HON'ble Sri A.B. Shetty,
Minister for Health,
Govt. of Madras.

M(Pw)
This was presented to us at Mangalore.
assistant
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GOVT. OF MADRAS 1952
19 SEP 1952 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT
22 SEP 1952 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
MINISTER FOR HEALTH GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
17 SEP 1952
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Respected Sir,

We really feel highly obliged by your visit to this place and in extending to you our very cordial welcome wish to take this opportunity to place before you, and through you, before the Government of Madras certain of our needs and grievances for information and necessary action.

1. In auctioning the Kundapur ferry by the District Board, the predecessor-in-office auctioneer to the present Highways Department, it had been resolved by the former, on reference, that direct imports and exports at Kundapur are not to be levied any ferry fees at this Kundapur Port. But when the Highways Dept. took it over in 1949, this condition has not been made explicit in the terms of the auction. This Association took up this matter with the Executive Engineer, Highways Dept. at the time, who wrote subsequently that he was awaiting orders from the Government in this behalf. Meanwhile, the ferry contractor agreeing to continue as under The District Board, and not to levy ferry fee on directly imported and exported goods, the issue did not reach a climax. Now it is about 3 years since this 1st class ferry was auctioned on the basis of a 5 years' lease. We do not know as yet where the matter stands.

In this connection, we beg to state that goods from Bombay or other ports come consigned to Kundapur (port) and those from Kundapur (port) are consigned to different ports. When thus the goods from one port pass to another, it is gross injustice to levy any ferry fee in between, on the basis that at times, some of these goods are landed for Customs' inspection and passing at Ganguli, as the Customs Office is located at Ganguli. It is also to be borne in mind that these goods are carried in private boats either owned or hired by merchants. We, therefore, request in order to avoid ambiguity and unjustified levy at any future date, the Govt., be pleased to order that the Highways Dept. should make it one of their conditions of auction of this ferry hereafter, and the terms, as finalised for the next auction be communicated to us sufficiehtly early to communicate our views.

2. The Port Department, recognising the merits of our representation, we learn, has already moved the Revenue Department for vesting in it a certain portion of the Kundapur bank of the Ganguli river, having agreed to construct a warf, 100 yds x 50 yds,, for landing and shipping goods at Kundapur, by utilising a part of our L& S dues of this port. We request that orders in this behalf be kindly expedited and the proposed faciltiy be given to us at an early date.

3. The concrete jetty newly built by the Govt. at Ganguli seems to be badly executed in that deep chasms have been already caused and we request that immediate steps be taken to repair this without further loss of time or further damage.

4. The small bridge, 20' in length, on the canal connecting the bunder-side of Ganguli to the Bazaar has been declared weak for plying of lorries. But no steps seem to have been taken to reconstruct the same, so that lorries cannot go beyond this bridge to the business locality. It is our earnest desire that this bridge be immediately ordered to be repaired as trade will otherwise suffer and may even be stifled and the revenues of the Government will considerably be affected.

5. The only land route from our port to our northern frontier and beyond, into Bombay Province or Mysore State is via Kambadakone, Golihole Road which joins the Byndoor - Kollur Road midway at Golihole village. It is, therefore, very important that for free flow and development of trade that this road must be rendered fit for lorry transport. We request that this interprovincial linking road be taken over by the Highways Dept. if it has not been taken over already, and this road kept in good repair to permit of lorry transport. At the same time in the

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A | link-up with Bombay Province by road, the bridge at Shiroor is an ~~xxxx~~ important link. Though the construction of the bridge has been taken on hand, since 1950, the work has slowed down. We request that this be expedited.

E | 6. We do not know as yet when (1) Kundapur and Kundapur ~~xxxxx~~ south and (2) Ganguli and Ganguli north will be getting the benefit of Jog electricity. As it will be largely here that ~~xxx~~ cheap electric power can be immediately harnessed for intensive cultivation, besides encouraging cottage industries, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and in view of the fact that Kundapur Taluk has sacrificed some of its lands for this project, this area be given priority in electricity supply, as ~~xxxx~~ other towns in our district are already having its benefits from many years by the employment of diesel units. We trust that the surrender and sacrifice of lands by people ~~xx~~ from Ganguli north will not be forgotten and we ~~xxxx~~ neglected at this hour.

Rev | 7. We are grateful to the Government for its recent orders exempting fish trade from sales tax as also from incometax. It is our humble request that our Government be pleased to fall in line with the suggestion of the Central Government that essential foodstuffs be exempt from sales tax.

We look forward to your help and co-operation in redressing the grievances of this backward and neglected part of our district. ~~xxx~~

We beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Kundapur Taluk Merchants Association,
Ganguli

Ganguli,
10-9-1952.

P.W.D(R)-1

Endt. No. 78008/B/52-2 & 22-10-52

Referred to the CE(H) for early remarks.

CDE(N)

To, the CE(H)
with a copy of paras 1-5 on p 1 ante.
Copy to Section-in-charge through A+E regarding para 5 of p
To the CDE(N) with a copy of para 6, respectively.
A/ 7.10.52 Copy to E Section with enclosure.

Mtg/29.9.52 NP 29.9.52

7/10/52

D.N The representation on pp 1-2 above of the Kundapur Taluk Merchants' Association Ganguli, S. Kanara ~~xxx~~ may be perused. Draft endt. above is put up for approval. Rev. may see with ref. to para 4 above.

Mtg/29.9.52 NP 29.9.52 (W.V. to para 6 above, the remarks of the CDE(N) may be called for. The draft endt above has been suitably amended to provide for this also)

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Ed in section 6/X/52

P.W.D. Ws. No. 78998/B/52-1
9.10.52.

SECRETARIAT TO GOVERNMENT
9976/N
10 OCT 1952
SECTION OFFICER

Rev

To Rs:

Rev Deptt

87991 Please see the petition on pp. 1 - 2 ante and the draft Endt. on p. 2 ante. The request in para 7 on p. 2 ante is that essential food stuffs may be exempted from sales tax. The Govt. are not in favour of this request as it involves loss of revenue. No action is called for on this request. The file may be returned to P.W.D.

16.10.52

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F.D.N.
O.M.No. 79748/52-1
20.10.52

22 OCT 1952
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

22/10/52

5 No. (Q1)

T. M. No. 78008 Q/52-2 dt 16-2-53.

From the A.S. Rvd

To oy cle (H).

Sub:- Ferries - South Kanara dist. Coondapur Taluk - Kanjolli-den of ferry tolls on direct import and export - exemption.

Ref:- Endt no. 78008 Q/52-2 Pt No. dt 22/2 and subsequent reminders

Please expedite your reply and say when it may be expected.

Pcs to [illegible] 16-2-53.

16-2-53

16/2/53

From
Sri K.K. Nambiar, B.E.M.I.E.(Ind),
F.Inst,H.E.(Eng)M.I.Mun.E.(Eng)
M.Am.Soc.C.E.M.&San.I.,
Chief Engineer (Highways)
Chepauk, Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George.

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ADDL. ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 2-MAR 1953

Letter No.63295.D.1.52-2 dated 27-2-53

Sir, Sub:-Ferries-South Kanara District-Coondapur Kundapur-Gangolli
Levy of ferry tolls on direct inports and exports-
Exemption.

Ref:- Government Endorsement No.78008.Q.52-2 dated 22-10-52 and Telephonic Message dated 16-2-53.

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I invite attention to this office No.65258.K.3.52.M.H.R. dated 20-2-53. Regarding paras 1 to 3 the matter has been referred to the Divisional Engineer and his reply is awaited. I shall send my report on its receipt.

FOR CHIEF ENGINEER(HIGHWAYS)

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T.M. No 78008 9/52-Cy : Dt 6.3.53.

From
the A.S. PWD

To the Dy CE(H)

Sub: Cascon p. Taute

Ref: CE(H)'s letter No. 63295 D.152-2 dt 27-2-53.

CE (H)'s Please send a copy of
letter No. 68258 K3/52 dt 20.2.53
as it has not been received here /

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Note :- Please see p. Taute. The final report may be awaited till 6-4-53. The draft above is for approval.

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9.3.53.

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ADDL. A.S. [illegible]
PUBLIC TO [illegible] DEPARTMENT

From

Sri.K.K.Nambiar, B.E.,M.I.E.(Ind)
F.Inst.H.E.(Eng)M.I.Mun.E.,(Eng)
M.Am.Soc.C.E.,M.R.San.I.,
Chief Engineer (Highways),
Chepauk, Madras. 5

The Secretary to Governme
Public Works Department
Madras.

Letter No.63295-D1-52-HR dated 28.3.53

Sir,

Sub: Ferries -.South Kanara District - Coondapur Taluk - Ganguli levy of ferry tolls on direct imports and exports - exemption .

Ref: Your Telepnone Message No.78008/Q-52-4 dated 10.3.53

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A copy of this office letter No.65256-K3-52 dated 20.2.53 is sent herewith as required.

Regarding paras 1 to 3 of Government endorsement No.78008-Q-52-2 dated 22.10.52, I offer my views as below:

Para I:- The extract from the proceedings of the meeting of the members of the South Kanara District Board dated 12.7.1940 is herewith enclosed in connection with the exemption of recovery of ferry charges for goods, directly imported or exported from Coondapur Port. No such condition was stipulated in the sale notice or in the Agreement after the ferry was taken over by Highways Department. The goods are expected to be conveyed through the ferry and the levy of charge therefore is justified. If, however, as expressed by the Kundapur Taluk Merchants Association, exemption from payment of ferry fees is granted, the income of the ferry will fall.

Para II. The constructing of a warf for landing and shipping goods from Coondapur may be taken up as at present loading and unloading is done at the jetty at Coondapur side

Para III. The work was executed by the Port department and it is learnt that necessary action is being taken by that department.

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For Chief Engineer (Highways)

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T.--M. No. 78008 P/52-5 dt 10-4-53.

From Me A-S Pwd To Me C.E.(A)

Sub: (as on p. 9 ante)

p 9 ante Ref: Your letter no. 63295-D/52-4.R dt 28-3-53.

Please furnish the extract from the proceedings ~~from~~ of the members of the S-K. Dist. Bd. dt 12-7-40, referred ~~to~~ in para 3 of your letter cited, as it has not been ~~enclosed~~ received.

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Copy of letter No.65258-K3-52-HR dated 20.2.53 from the Chief Engineer (Highways) to the Secretary to Government Public Works Department, Madras.

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Sub: Communications . Roads and Bridges in South Kanara District -Kpping in good condition.

p2 ante

Ref: Government P.W.D Endt. No.78008 Q/52-2 dated 22.10.52

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With reference to paras 4 and 5 of the Government Memo cited above I have to report as follows:

(p1 ante)

Para 4: It has been reported that the bridge referred to in this para is situated on Gangolly Port Road and is maintained by the Panchayat Board. Necessary steps for reconstruction of any have to be taken up by the concerned panchayat Board.

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Para 5: The request is for permitting lorry traffic on Kambhadkone-Golihole road. This is a District Board village road and not fit for lorry traffic. If this is to be made fit for lorry traffic, the road will have to be widened, a number of culverts have to be newly constructed and reconstruction of the weak culverts on the road taken up and this upgrading will be very expendive. Besides this route involves a sector of over 12 miles to all through traffic.

There is a proposal under Post War Road Development Scheme to construct a bridge near Uppanda. This and the Shirur bridge when constructed will afford facilities of through communication to Bombay province and Mysore State from the Port of Gangolli. Regarding shirur Bridge, the Divisional Engineer (Highways) has reported that the work is expected to be completed before the next monsoons.

p2 ante

As regards to paras 1 to 3 of the above Government Memo the remarks of the Divisional Engineer (Highways) on them are still awaited. On their receipt, a further report will be sent to Government.

K.K.Nambiar
Chief Engineer (Highways)

/True copy/

R Seshagiri 3/4/53

AV/28.3.53

For Chief Engineer (Highways)

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HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.
Sri K. K. NAMBIAR,
M.I.E. (Ind.), F. Inst., H.E. (Eng.), M.I. Mun. E. (Eng.),
M. Am. Soc C.E., M.R. San. I.,
Chief Engineer (Highways),
Chepauk, Madras-5.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Letter No. 21281-D1/53-HR dated 28.4.53.

Sir,

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Sub: Ferries - South Kanara District - Coondapur taluk - Gangaolli-Levy of ferry tolls on direct imports and exports - Exemption Regarding.

Ref: Govt. P.W.D. Telephonic Message No.78008-9/52-5 dated 10-4-53.

The Extract from the proceedings of the members of the South Kanara District Bord dated 12-7-40 is enclosed.

for CHIEF ENGINEER(HIGHWAYS).

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Encl: Extract of the Proceedings.

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Encl. No 78008 9/52-6

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Referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks.

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The Bd of Rev. with copies of paras 1-5 on pp ante, p 9 ante p. 11 ante and p. 15 infra.

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Note:- As the income of the ferry is involved and before circulation, - vide p 1 ante the remarks of the Bd. may be invited. The draft above is for approval.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the meeting of the members of the South Kanara District Board dated 12-7-1940.

Read - 135 - Petition dated 15-6-40 of K.Hassan Saheb, renter, Gangolly ferry lease (first class ferry) stating that the term of 5 years' lease granted to him expires on 30-9-41 and that he is maintaining the motor boat as per the terms of the lease and that he has invested a large sum for the purchase of the motor boat and for its upkeep and requesting that his lease may be renewed for a further period of 5 years from 1-10-41.

Also District Board Res.No.5 dated 12.11.38 stating that the Board is not in favour of the leases for more than one year but that the case of Gangolly would be considered when the occasion arises.

Also G.O.No.1121.1.P.dated 3-6-40 approving the reclassification of the ferries as per District Board Res.No.2 dated 7-10-39 with effect from 1-4-1941, wherein Gangolly ferry has already been classified as I class ferry (Under this classification motor boats have to be maintained at I class ferries as far as possible)

Also office note stating that the current five years' lease was renewed in District Board Res.No.113/22-6-35 for Rs.2,500/- per annum.

Lease for 5 years is granted to Mr.K.Hassan Saheb, the old ferry contractor at the rate of Rs.3,000/- three thousand only per year. The ferry contractor shall not levy fees on goods directly exported from Coondapur Port and also on goods directly imported to Coondapur Port. The motor boat shall be maintained by the contractor in an efficient condition.

RESOLUTION: "Lease for 5 years" is granted to Mr.K.Hassan Saheb, the old ferry contractor at the rate of Rs.3,000/- only per year. The ferry contractor shall not levy fees on goods directly exported from Coondapur Port and also on goods directly imported to Coondapur Port. The motor boat shall be maintained by the contractor in an efficient condition."

/True Copy /

for CHIEF ENGINEER(HIGHWAYS).

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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

*REMINDER. Q1 Branch.

To THE Board of Revenue Madras

~~have the honour to invite~~
~~am directed to invite~~ attention to Govt. Endt.
invite

No. 180091/52-6 dated 16/5/53 and

to request that the reply to it may be expedited.

I request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter now is,

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, and

(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay

Office Pr. Secy; Signature M. Lakshmanan

Station Mdt Designation for Asst. Secretary to Govt.

Dated 23.6.53 SUBJECT. 23.6.53.

Ferries - South Kanara Dist. - Coondapur Taluk - Brahmanolli levy of ferry tolls on [illegible] imports and exports - Exemption regarding.

1,662,167—16-11-52 [illegible] (P.T.O.

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**REPLY.**

To The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

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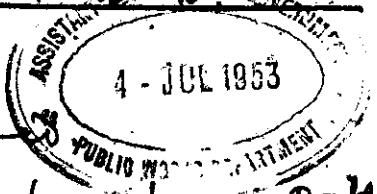


Reminder

A report has been called for from the Collr of S: Kanara and it is awaited. The BDO's reply will be submitted as soon as the Collector's report is received.

Asst Secretary
BDO of Rev

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Addl Secy 1853

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Nil
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Revenue Department.

Subject.

Ferries (South Kanara) - Coondapur Taluk - Ganguli levy of ferry tolls in direct imports and exports - Exemption - Regarding -

Madras. Bd's Ref.M.No.3161/53-2. Dated:- 20-8-1953.

Sri W. R. S. Sattianathan, I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue, Madras.
Sri C. S. Krishna Moorthi, I.A.S., Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

Read:- Government P.W.D., Endt.No.78008 Q/52-6, dated 16-5-1953.
Board's Ref.M.3161/53-1, dated 2-6-1953.
Ex.Rr. from Government P.W.D., dated 14-8-1953.

REFERENCE:-

With reference to the correspondence cited the Board submits that the matter has been referred to the Collector and his report is awaited. He is being reminded again. The Board will submit its remarks as soon as the Collector's repl, is received.

for Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government, P.W.D., Madras - Para 1 only.
The Collector of South Kanara - Whole -
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Memo. No. 78008-Q/F/52-9 dt- 10.2.54

Sub:- Ferries. South Kanara Dt - Gangolli ferry - Levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo.

Ref:- From the Bd. of Revn. Ref. M. No. 3161/53-2 dt 20.8.1953

. The Bd. of Rev. is requested to expedite its remarks on the recommendations of the C.E. (H) in his letter No. 63295-D1/52HR dt. 28.3.53.

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Subject.

Ferries - South Kanara District - Gangolli ferry - Levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo.

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Ref.M/E.3161/53.4. Dated 22.2.54.

Station: Madras.

From

Sri W.R.S. Sattianathan I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue.

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Sri P. Sivasankaran Pillai I.A.S., Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

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Read:- Government P.W.D. Memo.No.78005/QF.52.9 dated 20.2.54.

- Board's Ref.M/3161/53.1 dated 2.6.53.

- Board's Ref.M/E.3161/53.3 dated 3.12.53.

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Reference:-

The Board submits that the matter has been referred to the Collector of South Kanara for urgent remarks. His report is awaited. He is being reminded to-day to send his report urgently. The Board's report will be submitted to the Government on receipt of the Collector's report.

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For Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras. para 1 only.

Copy to the Collector of South Kanakara. para 2 only.

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# The Goondapoor Taluk Merchants' Association, (Regd)

"Upstairs" of Sri H. L. Kamath's ware House,

GANGULI, S. K.

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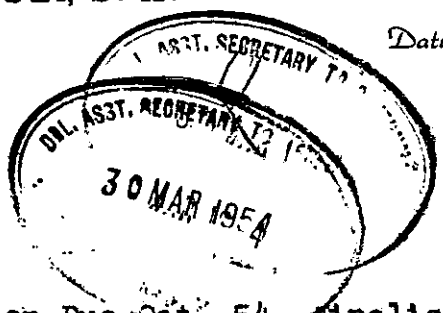
Ref:- 26442

Date 25th Mar- 1954




To
The Hon. Mimister
Public Works Dept. Govt. Of Madras
Madras.

Honoured Sir,

Sub. Coondapoor Ferry- Auction Due Oct. 54- Finalisation of terms Requested.

We are addressing this letter to you so as to get redress in certain matters with regards to the auctioning of the Coondapoor Ferry. We regret that we have to address this to you but as we could not get any reply or redress to the representations made to the Divisional Engineer High ways under whose authority this ferry is now placed. We had addressed him as back as 8-9-49 that is before the Ist auction held by the Highway Dept. Hence, we deep relutance we are addressing ourselves to you.

1. This Ist Class Ferry was auctioned for along term of 5 years with certain conditions such as keeping a Motor boat etc. and no sufficient publicity is given in the local press. In fact last time it was published only 10 days before the actual auction. We beg tosuggest that at least the publication should be done 6 months before the due date and the auction should take place and get confermed before three months of the due date. This will give sufficient time for the new bidder to gethimself equipped with all the neeessary boats etc.

2, When this Ferry was under the Dt. Board, they used to rent out the ferry under explicit conditions, such as the mamool(agecld) custom of exempting the direct imports and exports from the ferry fees. This fact was brought to the notice of the Divisional Engineer in 1949 (at the time of last(auction) but nothing has been made explicit by him. But on the contrary he has informed us that he had refered the matter to the Govt.

but we have not ~~received~~ been communicatd with the orders of the Govt. by the Divisional Engineer. We requested that~~hhx~~ this exemption of direct imports and exports may be made one of the conditions atthe time of the auction which is due in ~~th~~ Oct. 54.

3. Subsequently, three years later one important aspect in this, effecting the Mercantile Community was stressed in our address to Hon. Sri. A.B. Shetty ~~which~~ the revelant portion of which iscopied and enclosed. Following we learn that an enquiry was caused by the Govt. thro' the ~~Exec~~ Highway Supervison at Baindoor. He had gathered evidence from the local people. This enquiry was held without our knowledge and we are sooor that nothing is heard after that.

4. Our enquiry with the Departmental Officer at the District level has not resulted in any relpy so far. We do not know why. We have not even been communicatted as to the fact that the orders from the Govt. are ~~not~~ being awaited. From A long period of 4 years ~~has~~ have elapsed since the Highway Dept. took over this ferry and since we addressed our fist letter to the Divisional Engineer to set ~~th~~ right the matter. But as we have not received any letter from the Div. Engineer since then we are addressing this to you.

5. Now that the ferry is again due for auction in Oct. 1954 we request that the following suggestions may be kindly reviewed and included in the fresh lease of contract so that the general public may ~~be~~ not be put to loss and harrassment. In the name of ~~th~~ justice and fairness we hopeyou wil cause the concerned officers to take notice of the suggestions and include them in the new lease. We may be ~~k~~indly informed as what action has been ~~taken~~ taken.

5. We enumerate ~~the~~ our suggestions briefly asfollows:-

1. The auction should be published in the local papers at least

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"Upstairs" of Sri H. L. Kamath's ware House,
GANGULI, S. K.

Ref:- Date ..... 195 .....



least 6 months before the due date and the confirmation of the auction should be done at least 3 months before the due date.

2. The direct Imports( from Bombay etc.) and Exports( to Bombay etc.) should be exempted from the levy of the ferry fees as atthe time of Dt. Board.

3. At present the Mercandise is charged at the rate of 0-0-9 per 28 lbs. This rate was fixed for the passenger luggage. Hence, the rate for the general ~~xxxxx~~ mercandise should be fixed on"cartload" basis.

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We beg to remain,
Yours faithfully,
For The Goondapoor Taluk Merchants' Association (Regd)
President/Hon. Secretary

Encs.

Copy to:- 1) The Secretary, P. W. D Govt of Madras.
2) The Chief Engineer Highways Department Chepauk Madras.
3) The Divisional Engineer South Canara Mangalore.

(pp 31-35 — Same as pp 25-29 ante) 31

# The Goondapoor Taluk Merchants' Association, (Regd)

"Upstairs" of Sri H. L. Kamath's ware House,

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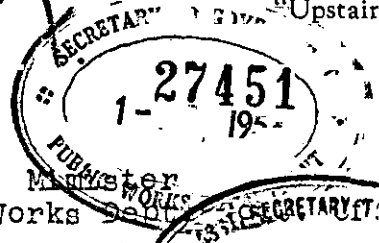


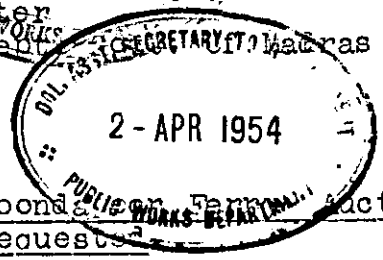


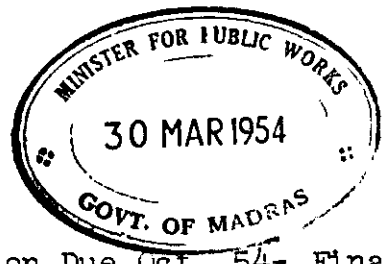


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Date 25th Mar- 1954.

To
The Hon. Minister
Public Works Dept.
Madras.

SECY., P.W.D.

Minister (W)

Honoured Sir,

Sub. Coondapoor Ferry- Auction Due Oct. 54- Finalisation of terms Requested

We are addressing this letter to you so as to get redressed in certain matters with regards to the auctioning of the Coondapoor Ferry. We regret that we have to address this to you but as we could not get any reply or redress to the representations made to the Divisional Engineer High ways under whose authority this ferry is now placed. We had addressed him as back as 8-9-49 that is before the Ist auction held by the Highway Dept. Hence, we deep relutance we are addressing ourselves to you.

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The Goondapoor Taluk Merchants' Association, (Regd)
"Upstairs" of Sri H. L. Kamath's ware House,
GANGULI, S. K.

Ref:-  Date ..... 195.....

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We beg to remain,

Youns faithfully,

For The Goondapoor Taluk Merchants' Association (Regd.)

Secretary.

Ms.

President/Hon. Secretary

Copy to 1) The Secretary O.W.D Govt of Madras

2) The Chief Engineer Highways Depart - ment Chepauk Madras

3) The Divisional Engineer South Kanara Mangalore.

True copy. (Same as Plaint)

Revelant portions of the Address presented to the Hon. Sri A.B.Shetty Presented on 10-9-52.

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For The Coondapoor Taluk
Merchants Association (Regd)

President/Hon. Secretary

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Memo. No. 78008-Q1E1s2-10 dt. 9.4.54

Sub:- Ferries - S.K.-Dt - Gangolli ferry - levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo.

Ref:- From the Bd. of Rev. Ref. M1E.3161/53-4 dt. 22.2.'54

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To the Bd. of Rev
(with Copy of pp 31-37 c/f)

Copy to CE.(H) (with Copy of pp 31-37 c/f)
(w.r.t his Lr No. 63295-D1-52-HR dt. 28.3.1953) pp 9-11 c/f

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
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FERRIES - (South Kanara) - Coondapur taluk - Gangolli ferry - Levy of tolls on direct imports and exports - Exemption - Request - Allegations against the contractor - Remarks - Submitted.

Ref: M/E.3161/53-7.

Station: Madras. Dated: 22-4-1954.

Sri W.R.S.Sattianathan, I.C.S.,
Commr. of Land Revenue.
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Sri P.Sivasankaran Pillai, I.A.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue(Land Revenue).
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Read the following:-

From the Government, Public Works Department, Endorsement No.78008-Q/52-6 d/16-5-'53.
-do- -do-78008/Q/52-7 d/21-11-'53.
From the Chief Engineer(Highways), letter No.63968-D1/53, H.R. d/22-1-'54.
From the Collector, South Kanara, D.Dis.14096/53 d/1-3-'54.

REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government with reference to their Endorsement cited.

2. Regarding the allegations, maintenance of the ferry in question, the Board supports the Collector's recommendation contained in his letter read above. In this connection, the Board also invites the attention of the Government to Board's Ref.E.2463/58-4 d/5-4-'54 addressed to the Government in the Public Works Department.

FOR SECRETARY.

To
The Secretary to Govt., Public Works Department, Madras-9.

CS.22.4.

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Copy of letter No.63968-D1/53/HR dated-22-1-1954 from the Chief Engineer, Highways to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, through the Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras-5.

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Sub: Ferries - Coondapur - Gangolly ferry - lease rights - report.
Ref: Government P.W.D. Endt.No.78008-Q.F.52-7 d/21-11-'53.

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The Gangolly Ferry was sold in Public auction on 20-9-49 after wide publicity, for 5 years period (from 1-10-'49 to 30-9-'54) and it was knocked down in favour of Sri K.Hassan Saheb, the Highest bidder for Rs.25500/- against the upset price of Rs.23300/-. It was also reported by the Superintendeing Engineer previously that the signature of several persons in token of having been the sale notification was obtained which was verified from the division office file by him.

In regard to the solvency of the lessee, it is reported that on the oral enquiries with the Tahsildar, the lessee has got considerable immovable properties including buildings and is quite solvent.

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In regard to the report of the mismanagement of the ferry by the lessee the Superintending Engineer, and Divisional Engineer have stated that there has been no complaint against the renter till now.

In the above circumstances, it is considered that the petition is only the outcome of malice and the allegations are baseless.

Sd/-K.K.Nambiar,
Chief Engineer(Highways).

/True copy/

Copy of letter No.D.Dis.14096/53 d/1-3-'54 of the Collector, South Kanara to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue(L.R), Chepauk, Madras.

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FERRIES - (South Kanara) - Coondapur taluk - Gangolli ferry - levy of tolls on imports and exports - Exemption - Allegations against the contractor - Remarks.

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Ref: 1) Board's Ref.M.3161-53 d/2-6-1953.
2) Board's Ref.M/E.3161/53-3 d/3-12-'53.

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In the Board's reference cited above, I have been asked to offer my remarks on (1) Address presented to Hon'ble Sri A.B. Shetty, Minister for Health, Government of Madras by Kundapur Taluk Merchants' Association, Gangolli and (2) Petition of Sri Yusoof Khan, Merchant, Coondapur to the Chief Minister, Government of Madras.

2. Address presented by Merchants' Association, Gangolli.

Para 1: The Association requests that directly imported and exported goods at Coondapur may be exempted from payment of ferry charges, as was done by the District Board when it was managing the Gangolli ferry. Enquiry reveals that the District Board in its resolution dated 12-7-1940 exempted such goods from payment of ferry charges, but after the ferry was taken over by the Highways Department, no such condition was stipulated either in the sale notice or in the agreement executed by the Contractor. The collection of ferry charges by the Contractor is therefore justified. Moreover enquiry shows that the goods from Bombay and other parts meant to Coondapur are conveyed to Gangolli, where the Customs office is located and they are unloaded into small boats at Gangolli in the limits of the ferry and conveyed to Coondapur. Thus all the boats that cross the ~~ferry and conveyed~~ river touch both the terminals of the ferry. The Canals and Public Ferries Act justifies the levy of ferry charges. As regards the exemption sought for, I do not find any special reason justifying such an exemption. I agree with the Chief Engineer(Highways), Madras that the income of the ferry will considerably fall if such an exemption is granted.

para 2: I have been informed by the Port Officer, Mangalore that the State Port Officer has submitted proposals to the Government to extend the limits of Coondapur port so as to afford landing facilities on Coondapur side of Gangolli river in his letter 2023-G1.53-II dated 28-7-1953 and the matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

Para 3: I have been informed by the Port Officer that there is no jetty at Coondapur and what has been referred to in the address is the newly constructed warf which has since been repaired and kept in good condition.

Para 4: The bridge referred to by the Merchants' Association lies within the jurisdiction of the Panchayat Board, Gangolli which maintains it. I have been informed by the Additional District Panchayat Officer that the work could not be taken up earlier for want of estimates and now that a Panchayat Supervisor has been appointed, the work would be taken up quickly.

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Para 5: Khambadkone-Golihole road referred by the association is a District Board Road and I agree with the Chief Engineer that the upgrading of this road involves widening of the road, construction of a number of culverts and reconstruction of the weak culverts and is therefore expensive. In the circumstances stated by the Chief Engineer(Highways), Madras, it seems sufficient if the work relating to Shiroor bridge is expedited and reconstruction of bridge near Uppunda is sanctioned.

pp 33-36 Cb (2)

Petition of Yousuf Khan-addressed to the Chief Minister:

I have consulted the Divisional Engineer(Highways), Mangalore and have caused enquiry to be made with regard to the various allegations against the Contractor. My enquiry shows that the allegations are false and were made out of malice. The present Contractor Sri Hassan Saheb is reported to be sufficiently solvent and has not so far defaulted in the payment of the ferry rentals. The ferry was leased out to the present contractor for five years after holding public auction. As such, the allegation that it fetched a small lease amount as the officials were influenced has no basis. Enquiry shows that the Contractor has been maintaining a motor boat as required by the agreement and he has not been demanding anything extra for conveying passengers in the Motor boat. He has been maintaining sufficient number of boats also.

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p 35 Cb (2)

In para 8, the petitioner says that the motor boat is an unnecessary adjunct as it does not always get sufficient depth of water that it needs. I have had occasion to cross Gangolli river. The river is broad and being close to the sea, the crossing of the river particularly during monsoon is difficult, if not dangerous. Though for a portion of the day during the fair season, the river on account of tidal action becomes shallow rendering the plying of launch difficult, during the rainy season and during high tides, the river will be always full and the motor boat is a real necessity. I have been told that during rainy season and stormy weather crossing of the river in hand-driven boats proves difficult and a motor boat is a paramount necessity. I therefore consider that Gangolli river has to be treated as a special case and the maintenance of a motor boat is quite necessary.

The present lease expires on 30-9-1954. It is true that this ferry could not fetch as much revenue as in the case of three ferries pointed out by the petitioner. The exact reason for such a fall in the revenue cannot be correctly gauged now. At the same time, there is no room to suspect anybody as the lease was given after holding a public auction. As regards the future management, of the ferry, I am of the opinion that it may be leased out by first calling for sealed tenders and then auctioning it by public auction treating the highest tender amount as the initial bid. As I have already remarked, unlike other ferries in the district, the maintenance of a motor launch in this ferry is a necessity. I therefore consider that a period of one year will be too short for a lessee to make efficient arrangements to run the ferry properly and to recoup the amount he has to invest on the motor boat and the requisite number of boats. I suggest that the period of lease may be fixed as three years.

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/True copy/

FOR SECRETARY.

CS.22.4.

23/4/54

ADDL. SPL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3-MAY 1954
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Subject

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**Ferries - South Kanara District - Gangolli ferry - levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo.**

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Ref.M/E.3161/53-8

Station:-Madras. Dated 30-4-1954.

From

Sri W.R.S.Sattianathan, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

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Sri P.Sivasankaran Pillai,I.A.S.,
Secretary,Board of Revenue(L.R.), Madras.

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Read:- Government Public Works Department Memo. No.78008-Q/P/52-10 dated 9.4.1954.

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Reference:-

A | With reference to para 1 of the Government Memo. cited, the Board submits that the Chief Engineer (Highways) and the Collector of South Kanara are being consulted in the matter and that its remarks will be submitted soon after their reports are received. The Board's remarks called for in para 2 of the Memo. cited were submitted to the Government in its Ref.M/E.3161/53-7 dated 21.4.1954 des-

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despatched on 23.4.1954.

For Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras-9

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PWD (F3)

The Report referred to at 'A' on p 4-5 ante may be annulled

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Copy of Government Memo. No.78008 G/F/52-10 Public Works Department, dated 9th April, 1954.

Ferries - South Kanara District - Gangolli ferry - levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo.

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(True copy)

Copy of petition from the Coondapoor Taluk Merchants' Association, Ganguli, South Kanara, to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works Mardas, dated 25th March, 1954.

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Coondapoor Ferry Auction Due on October, 1954 - Finalisation of terms - Requested.

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(True copy)

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Memo. No. 7800k-F/5-2-11 dt. 25.5.1954

Sub:- Ferries - S.H. at Gangolli - ferry - Levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo.

Ref:- From the Bd. of Rev. Ref. No. M/E. 3161/5-3-8 dt. 30.4.54

The Bd. of Rev. is requested to expedite its final report in the matter.

Sd/- 25.5.54

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To The Bd. of Rev.

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Sd/- 27/5/54

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Memo. No. 7800-F/5-2-11 dtd 25.5.1954

Subj:- Ferries - S.K. Dt - Gangolli ferry - Levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo.

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To The Bd. of Rev.

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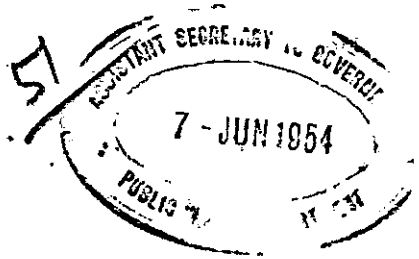


REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Subject:-

Ferries- (South Kanara)- Gangolli ferry- Levy of tolls on direct imports- and exports- exemption report-

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Refce.M./E.3161/53-11

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Station: Madras. No. Refce.M./E3161/53-11 Dated 4-6-54.

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Sri.W.R.S.Sattianathan, I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue.
Sri.P.Sivasankaran Pillai, I.A.S., Secretary, Board of Revenue.

Read:- i. Board,s refce. M./E.3161/53-E. d/ 30-4-54.

ii. Government Memo. No.78008-F/53-11 P.W. D. d/ 25-5-54.

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Reference:-

The Board submits that reports from the Collector of South Kanara and the Chief Engineer (H) have notyet been received and that they are being reminded. The final report will be submitted soon after the receipt of their replies.

PWD (F3)

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A.R. till 10.7.54

9.6.54

for Secretary

To the Secretary to Government, P.W.Dept. -Para. 1 only.

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To the Collector of South Kanara- Para. 2 only.

53/PWD(E)

Memo. No. 78008-F/5-212 dt. 16.7.54

Sub:- Ferries - S.K. Dt - Gangolli ferry - levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo

Ref:- From the Bd. of Rev Ref. M/E-3161/53-11 dt. 4.6.54.

The Bd. of Rev. is requested to expedite its final report in the matter.

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To The Bd. of Rev.

21/7/1954

60045 Revenue Department.

Subject.

FERRIES - South Kanara district- Gangooly ferry levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo.

Station:Madras Ref.M/E. 3161/53-14 dated 27-7-1954..

From

Sri T.N.S. Raghavan, I C S Commissioner of Land Revenue.
Sri P.Sivasankaran Pillai I.A.S. Secretary.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
29 JUL 1954
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Read: Govt. P.W.D. memo No.78008/52-12 E dated 16-7-54.

REFERENCE:-

The Board submits that the remarks of the Chief Engineer(Highways) are still awaited and that he was last reminded on 19-7-54. Its remarks will be submitted to the Government soon after the Chief Engineer (H)'s report is received

For Secretary.

To

The Secretary to the Government Public Works Department.

Copy to the Chief Engineer (Highways) with reference to his letter No.13038/D54 -3 dated 11-6-54.

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HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

From

Sri.K.K.Nambiar,B.E.,M.I.E(Ind)
F.Inst.H.E(Eng)M.I.Mun.E(Eng)
M.Am.Soc.C.E.,
Chief Engineer (Highways)
Chepauk, Madras.5.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.9.

27 AUG 1954

Letter No.13038.D1.54.8 dated 23.8.54

Sir,

Sub:- Ferries - South Kanara District - Gangolly ferry- levy of tolls on direct imports and exports - exemption.

Ref: Government P.W.D.Memo No.78008.C/F/52-10 d/9.4.54

I offer the following remarks on the suggestions given in the petition forwarded with the Government reference cited.

Suggestion 1: (Regarding publication of sale Notification etc).

In the case of Gangolly ferry I consider the advertisement may be made 3 months before the expiry of the lease period and sale conducted 2 months before the expiry of the lease period (i.e after one month after the publication). To have uniformity in this, it is proposed that the above time limit may be made applicable to all the ferries whose average yearly revenue for the past 3 years is more than Rs 10000/-. In the case of other ferries 2 months time will be sufficient i.e advertisement before 2 months of the expiry of lease period and sale conducted one month before the expiry of lease period. Instructions on the above lines are being issued to the officers of this department.

Suggestion.2: (Regarding exemption from tolls for direct imports etc).

Though the exemption from levy of tolls in thecase of direct imports and exports was in practice when the ferry was under the control of the District Board, it does not seem desirable to exempt such goods from levy of tolls fees now. Such an exemption would not only tend to reduce the income to Government, but would also be discriminatory. In this connection I invite attention to my letter No.63295.D1.52.HR dated 28.3.53 to Government.

Suggestion.3: (Regarding adoption of cart load for rates).

I consider that the existing system of charging Re.0.0.9 per 28 lbs. may continue to be adopted.

2. In this connection I also invite attention to my letter No.69617.D1.53.7 dated 26.5.54 to the Board of Revenue (Copy sent to Government) wherein it was suggested that the next lease period might be for 4½ years so that the date of expiry of the next lease period might be 31st March 1959 to have uniformity in the commencement of the lease of all ferries. Specific orders of Government have not been received. As however, the present lease period of the Gangolli ferry expires on 30.9.54 and as the publication of Sale Notification and the conduct of sales etc are to be done sufficiently in advance I have issued instructions fixing the next lease period as 4½ years from 1.10.54. I have also informed the officers concerned that the sale of the ferry from 1.10.54 may be made according to the existing system and orders i.e not allowing

exemption for direct imports and exports and not changing the basis of charge as cart load.

I request that my action in having proceeded on the above lines in anticipation of orders may also be approved.

for CHIEF ENGINEER(HIGHWAYS)

Copy to the Secretary, Board of Revenue with a copy of C.E's letter No.63295.D1-52.HR dated 28.3.53.

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The remarks of the Bd. of Rev. may be awaited till 1.10.54. Extracts of para 2 may be taken and added to file C.No. 43466-F/54 (which deals with the procedure for leasing out the ferry after expiry of the present lease term).

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BOARD OF REVENUE
SUBJECT:

Ferries (South Kanara) - Gangolli ferry - Levy of tools on direct imports and exports - Exemption - Remarks - Submitted.

B.P.Rt. 4267.

Station: Madras. Dated: 7--9-54.

SENT TO GOVERNMENT
11 SEP 1954
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

From Sri T.N.S. Raghavan, I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue.
Sri P. Sivasankaran Pillai, I.A.S., Secretary, Board of Revenue.

Read: Board's Ref. M/E 3161/53-7 dated 21-4-54.
Govt. P.W.D. Memo.No.78008 - Q - F/52-10 dt. 9-4-54.
South Kanara Collector's D.Dis.12296/54 dt. 9-7-54.
Chief Engineer (Highways) letter No.13038 - D1 - 54-8 dt. 23-8-54.

RESOLUTION:

In their Memo. cited, the Government have called for the remarks of the Board in consultation with the Chief Engineer (High ways) on the petition dated 25-3-54 received from the Coondapur Taluk Merchants Association, Ganguli South Kanara. In his letter cited (copy sent to Government direct) the Chief Engineer (Highways) has offered his remarks on the three suggestion made by the petitioners. The remarks of the Collector of South Kanara have also been received and a copy of his letter containing his remarks is enclosed. The Board has examined all the three suggestions of the petitioners with reference to the remarks of the Chief Engineer (Highways) and the Collector and submits the following remarks.

Suggestion (i):- As the lease period of the ferry the question expires on 30-9-54 the suggestion of the Chief Engineer (Highways) to advertise the auction sale of the ferry 3 months before the expiry of the lease period and to conduct the sale 2 months before the expiry of the lease period cannot be implemented this time. However as a matter of general policy to be followed in future, the Board supports the suggestions of the Chief Engineer.

Suggestion (ii):- For the reasons stated by the Chief Engineer(Highways) and the Collector of South Kanara the Board agrees with them and considers that no exemption from levy of tolls in the case of direct imports and exports is necessary. It therefore recommends that there is no need for any change in the existing procedure.

Suggestion (iii):- The Board agrees with the Chief Engineer (Highways) and the Collector and recommends that the existing system may be continued to be adopted.

2. In his letter cited, the Chief Engineer (Highways) has suggested that the next leave period of the Gangolli ferry may be fixed at 4½ years from 1-10-54. The Board's remarks on this question are being submitted in its Ref.E.5405/54-4 dated 7-9-54 with reference to Government Memo. 43466-F/54-1 P.W.D. dated 16-7-54.

For Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Madras.

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Copy of letter D.Dis.12296/54, dated 9-7-54, from the Collector of South Kanara, to the Secretary, Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Chepauk, Madras-

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Sub: Ferries - South Kanara District - Gangolli Ferry - Levy Tolls on directly imported or exported cargo - Report submitted.

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Ref: Board's M/E 3161/53-9 dated 30-4-54.
2. My letter Ref.C.No.B2-12296/54 dated 11-6-54 and 21-6-54.

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pp42-43 ante

I invite the Board's attention to this office report D.Dis. 14096/53 dated 1-3-54 wherein remarks were offered on the similar representations made by the Merchants Association of Coondapoor to the Hon. Minister for Public Health.

pp 25-29 ante

With reference to the 3 fresh points raised in the present petition I may add that

1. Delay in the publication of sale.

S | The Highways Department may be asked to give wide publicity for the auction sale of the ferry in the local papers (Dailies and Weeklies) sufficiently early so that there may be good competition at the time of the sale. The Highest tender may be treated as the ~~xxxxxx~~ initial bid.

2. Exemption from ferry fees on directly imported or exported cargo.

R | No exemption of ferry fees could be allowed as there are no special reasons to justify it. If it is allowed the income of the ferry will fall considerably.

3. Levy of ferry fees on cart loads instead of on maunds.

Q | The present practice prevailing in the ~~xxx~~ local market is to weigh goods in maunds and not in cart loads. As there are different kinds of carts, the levy of fees on cart loads will give room for complaints, corruption and complications. Hence it is better that the existing proceedure is allowed to continue.

/true copy/

For Secretary.

[C.No. 78008-Q/F/52]

Ferries - South Kanara District - Gangolli ferry in Coondapur Taluk - Levy of ferry fees on directly imported or exported goods, leasing out of ferry rights in future, etc. - Orders passed.

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pp1-2 cf
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pp9-11 cf
pp25-29 cf
p39 cf
pp41-43 cf
p57 cf
pp59-61 cf

Welcome Address presented to M(H) by the Coondapur Taluk Merchants' Association, Gangolli.
Govt. Endt. No.78008-Q/52-2, P.W. dated 22-10-1952.
From the C.E.(H), Lr.No.63295-D1/52 HR, dated 28-3-1953.
From the Coondapur Taluk Merchants' Association, Letter dated 25-3-1954 to M.(W).
Govt. Memorandum No.78008-Q/F/52-10, dated 9-4-1954.
From the Board of Revenue, Ref.M./E. 3161/53-7, dated 22-4-1954.
From the C.E.(H), Lr.No.13038-D1/54-8, dated 23-8-1954.
From the Board of Revenue, B.P. Rt. No.4627, dated 7-9-1954.

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G.O.Ms.No. 3672 Dated 20-10-1954.

In their references cited, the Coondapur Taluk Merchants' Association, Gangolli, made the following requests:-

para 1, p1 cf

(1) Exemption should be made from the levy of ferry fees on goods directly imported or exported at Coondapur port and conveyed across the Gangolli ferry;

Item 1 on pp27-29 cf

(2) Proposals for auctioning the Gangolli ferry should be published in the local papers at least six months before the date of expiry of the then lease period and the confirmation of the auction should be done at least three months before the due date;

Item 3 on pp 27-29 cf

(3) The rate of tolls for general merchandise should be fixed on "cart-load" basis as against the present rate of Re.0-0-9 per 28 lbs;

para 2, p1 cf

(4) ~~Construction of~~ A wharf for landing and shipping goods should be constructed at Coondapur port;

para 3, p1 cf

(5) ~~Carrying out~~ Repairs should be carried to the concrete jetty at Gangolli.

2. The Government have carefully examined the above requests, and pass the following orders:-

Request (1) - Exemption from levy of ferry fees on directly imported or exported goods:

As the goods are expected to be conveyed across the ferry, the levy of fees on goods referred to by the Association is in order under the provisions of the Madras Canals and Public Ferries Act, 1890. There are no special reasons for justifying the exemption sought for.

Request (2) - Publication of the sale notification etc. The procedure recommended by the C.E.(H), which is detailed below, shall be followed in future as a matter of general policy;-

In the case of ferries, the average yearly income of which is more than Rs.1,000/- (Rupees one thousand only), advertisement regarding the sale of ferry rights shall be made three months before the expiry of the lease period and the sale shall be conducted two months before the date of expiry of the lease period (i.e. one month after the publication of the advertisement). In the case of other ferries, advertisement regarding the sale of ferry rights shall be published two months before the expiry of the lease period and the auction sale conducted one month before the expiry of the lease period.

Request (3) - Adoption of 'Cart load' rates:-

The Government accept the recommendation of the C.E.(H) and the Board of Rev. and direct that the existing system of charging Re.0-0-9 per 28 lbs. be continued.

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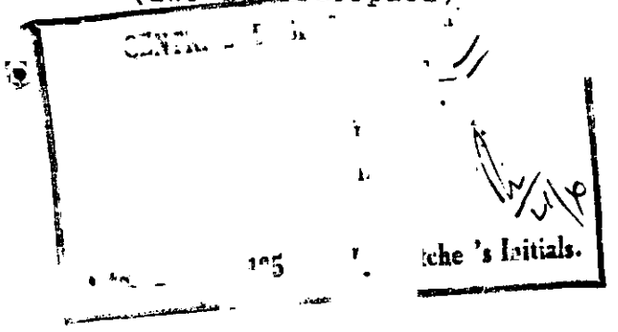
para 2, p 1 of
(File No. 71369-F/52)
Nil points

Compliance of

To the Board of Revenue
To the Collector of S.K.
To the C.E.(H)
To the Coondapur Taluk Merchants' Association(Regd.)
"Upstairs of Sri H.L. Kamath's Ware House,
Gangolli, South-Kanara.

(Two spare copies)




Request (4) - Construction of a wharf at Coondapur Port.

The matter is receiving attention.

Request (5) - Carrying out repairs to concrete jetty at Gangolli:

The Association has presumably referred to the newly constructed wharf It was recently repaired and is now kept in good condition.

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[C No. 78008 Q/F/52]

Sub: Ferries - South Kanara Dt. - Gangolli Ferry- Levy of tolls on directly imported or exported cargo - Request for.

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Ref: Welcome Address presented on 10-9-1952 to Sri A.B. Shetty, Minister (Health) by the Coondapur Taluk Merchants' Association.
Government Endorsement No.78008-Q/52-2, dated 22-10-52.
From the C.E. (H) Lr. 63295-D1-52 HR dated 28-3-53.
From the Coondapur Taluk Merchant's Association Lr. dated 25-3-54 to M (W).
Govt. Memo No.78008-Q/F/52-10 P.W. dated 9-4-54.
From the Board of Revenue Ref.M/E.3161/53-7 dated 22-4-54.
From the C.E. (H) Lr.No.13038-D1/54-8 dated 23-8-54.
From the Board of Revenue B.P.Rt.No.4267, dated 7-9-54.

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In their Welcome Address to Sri A.B. Shetty, Minister for Health, the Coondapur Taluk Merchants' Association made the following requests among others:

(1) Exemption from levy of ferry fees on goods directly imported or exported at Coondapur port and conveyed across the Gangulli ferry;

(2) Construction of a Wharf for landing and shipping goods at Coondapur port;

(3) Carrying out of repairs to the concrete jetty at Gangulli.

Item (1) above:- Exemption from levy of ferry fees on directly imported or exported goods.

The Coondapur Taluk Merchants' Association, have requested that goods directly imported or exported at Coondapur Port and conveyed across Gangolli ferry in Coondapur Taluk ~~the~~ be exempted from the levy of ferry tolls, as was done by the District Board, when it was ~~done~~ managing the Gangolli ferry. In their letter dated 25-3-54, the Association made the following requests in addition to the ~~one~~ mentioned above:

(1) The auction of the Gangolli ferry should be published in the local papers at least six months before the due date and the confirmation of the auction should be done at least three months before the due date.

(2) The rate of tolls for general merchandise should be fixed on "cart load" basis as against the present rate of Re. 0-0-9 per 28 lbs. which was fixed for luggage carried by passengers.

2. The matter was referred to the C.E.(H) and the Board of Revenue for remarks.

(i) Exemption from levy of ferry fees on directly imported or exported goods:-

The C.E. (H) has stated as follows:-

(1) While leasing out the Gangolli ferry to ~~Sri~~ Hassan Sahib for a period of 5 years from 1-10-1941, the District Board passed a resolution in which it was laid down that the ferry contractor should not levy fees on goods directly exported from Coondapur port and also on goods directly imported into Coondapur Port. After the ferry was taken over by the Highways Department, no such condition was stipulated in the ferry sale notice or in the Agreement with the renter. The goods are expected to be conveyed across the ferry and the levy of charge is therefore justified. The C.E. has also stated that if the exemption is granted, the income from the ferry will fall considerably.

The Collector of South Kanara has stated that the goods from Bombay and other ports intended for Coondapur are conveyed to Gangolli, where the Customs Office is located and they are unloaded into small boats at Gangolli in the limits of t

ferry and conveyed to Coondapur. Thus all the boats that cross the River touch both the terminals of the ferry. The Canals and Public ~~Services~~ Ferries Act justified the levy of ferry charges. There are no special reasons for justifying the exemption sought for.

The Board of Revenue has agreed with the above views of the C.E. (H) and the Collector of South Kanara.

(ii) Publication of the Sale Notification etc.

The C.E. (H) considers that the advertisement regarding the sale of ferry rights in public auction may be made 3 months (the expiry of) before the lease period and the sale may be conducted two months before the expiry of the lease period (i.e. one month after the publication of the advertisement). In this connection the C.E. (H) has proposed that the above time limit may be made applicable to all the ferries whose average yearly income for the past three years is more than Rs 1000/- and that in the case of other ferries two months' time will be sufficient (i.e. advertisement regarding the sale of ferry rights be published 2 months before the expiry of the lease period and the sale conducted one month before the expiry of the lease period).

The Collector of South Kanara has stated that the Highways Department may be asked to give wide publicity to the auction sale in the local papers (Dailies and weeklies). The Collector is of the opinion that the ferry rights may be leased out by first calling for sealed tenders and then auctioning it in public, treating the highest tender amount as the initial bid.

The Board of Revenue has supported the suggestions of the C.E. (H) and has recommended them to be followed as a matter of general policy ~~to be followed~~ in future.

(iii) Adoption of "cart load" rates:-

The C.E. (H) is of the view that the existing system of charging Re.0-0-9 per 28 lbs. may ~~be~~ continue to be adopted.

While agreeing with the C.E.'s views above, the Collector has stated that the present practice prevailing in the local market is to weigh goods in maunds and not in cart loads. He has also pointed out that the levy of cart loads will give room for complaints, corruption and complications as there are different kinds of carts.

The Board of Revenue has agreed with the C.E. and the Collector, and has recommended that the existing system may ~~be continued to be adopted~~ be continued.

3. The recommendations of the Board of Revenue at A, B & C above may be accepted ~~in this Deptt~~.

4. Item (2) on page 1 ante: (Construction of a wharf for landing and shipping goods at Coondapur Port)

The matter is separately dealt with in file C.No.71369-F/53. Certain particulars have been called for from the Collector of S.K. and they are awaited.

5. Item (3) on p.1 ante: (Carrying out of repairs to the concrete jetty at Gangolli)

It is reported that there is no jetty at Gangolli and that what has been referred to in the Address is the newly constructed wharf, which has since been repaired and kept in good condition. No action, therefore, seems necessary on this request.

6. A draft order is submitted below for approval.

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The draft which is self explanatory may issue after circulation to M(W.) & M(H.)

A.J. 12.10.54

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